

were applicable at the time the fishing operation was in progress.”

[41 FR 8352, Feb. 26, 1976. Redesignated at 43 FR 8554, Mar. 2, 1978; and amended at 53 FR 24645, June 29, 1988]

§285.86 Removal of import restrictions.

Upon a determination by the Assistant Administrator that the conditions no longer exist which warranted the imposition of import restrictions in the finding published pursuant to §285.84 the Assistant Administrator, with the approval of the Secretary and the concurrence of the Secretary of State, will publish a finding to such effect in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Effective upon the date of publication of such finding, the prior existing import restrictions against the country designated therein will terminate: *Provided*, That for a period of 1 year from such date of publication every shipment of fish in any form that was subject to the finding published pursuant to §285.84 will continue to be denied entry unless the shipment is accompanied by a certification executed by an authorized official of the country of export and authenticated by a consular officer or consular agent of the United States, certifying that no portion of the shipment is comprised of fish taken prior to or during the import restriction.

[41 FR 8352, Feb. 26, 1976. Redesignated at 43 FR 8554, Mar. 2, 1978, and amended at 44 FR 36045, June 20, 1979; 53 FR 24645, June 29, 1988]

§285.87 Import restrictions for Belize, Honduras, and Panama.

(a) Effective August 20, 1997 all shipments of Atlantic bluefin tuna or Atlantic bluefin tuna products in any form harvested by a vessel of Honduras or Belize will be denied entry into the United States, unless a validated Bluefin Statistical Document required under subpart F of this part, §§285.200 through 285.205, shows that a particular shipment of such bluefin tuna was exported prior to August 20, 1997.

(b) Effective January 1, 1998, all shipments of Atlantic bluefin tuna or Atlantic bluefin tuna products in any form harvested by a vessel of Panama will be denied entry into the United States, unless a validated Bluefin Statistical Document required under sub-

part F of this part, §§285.200 through 285.205, shows that a particular shipment of such bluefin tuna was exported prior to January 1, 1998.

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Subpart E—International Port Inspection

SOURCE: 48 FR 53564, Nov. 28, 1983, unless otherwise noted.

§285.100 Basis and purpose.

At its sixth regular meeting, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (Commission) adopted an international port inspection scheme to assist in the enforcement of the Commission's recommendations. The following regulations have been adopted by the United States to implement the port inspection scheme.

§285.101 Authorized officer.

For the purposes of this subpart, an authorized officer is a person appointed by a contracting party (the United States and the countries listed in §285.102(a)) as an authorized inspector for the Commission, who possesses an identification card so stating.

§285.102 Vessels subject to inspection.

(a) All United States tuna vessels or vessels carrying tuna and their catch, gear, and records are subject to inspection under this subpart by an authorized officer when landing or transshipping tuna or when making a port call at a port of the following countries, which are defined by the contracting parties. The names of any subsequent additional contracting parties may be added to the list by FEDERAL REGISTER notice. United States tuna vessels or vessels carrying tuna are also subject to the requirements of subparts A through C as appropriate.

- (1) Brazil
- (2) Cuba
- (3) France
- (4) Gabon
- (5) Ivory Coast
- (6) Portugal
- (7) Senegal
- (8) South Africa
- (9) Spain